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#### BUSH MAY TAKE A WEEK TO NOMINATE NEW CIA DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, May 9, Reuter - The White House said on Thursday that it may be a week before President George Bush nominates a successor to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Webster, who announced his retirement on Wednesday.

Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said a number of people were being considered, adding: "It may be a week or so."

The leading candidate for the position is widely believed to be Robert Gates, who is deputy national security adviser in the White House and a former senior CIA official.

He was one of Bush's top advisers during the Gulf War and is close to National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Gates was nominated as CIA director in 1987 but withdrew his name due to strong opposition in the Senate, which must approve the appointment, over the CIA's role in funding Nicaraguan Contra guerrillas.

Others mentioned as possibilities for the post are James Lilley, the U.S. ambassador to China, and Bobby Ray Inman, who was deputy CIA director in the early years of Ronald Reagan's presidency.

Bush himself is both a former CIA Director and ambassador to China.